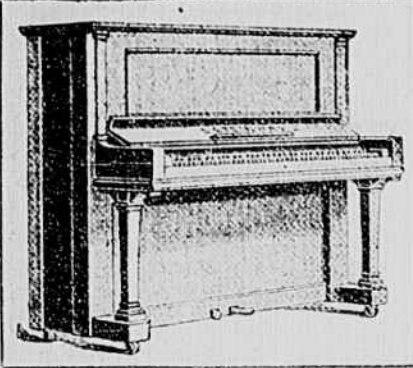


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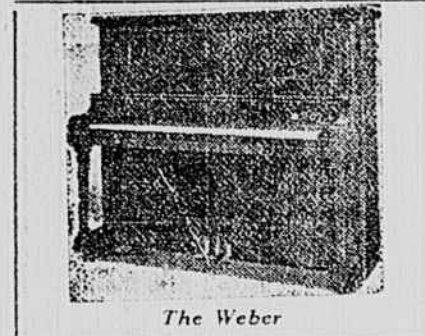
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## MAD KING CUTS FLOWERS' HEADS

Otto of Bavaria Pictured by Artist, Who Sees Him Through Broken Wall.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Berlin, November 1.—The mad King Otto of Bavaria has been seen by one other than the doctors who attend him in the lonely castle of Furstentried, near Munich. An artist who happened to stray to the castle grounds, where a broken wall was being repaired, caught

a glimpse of the King with a physician.

"The King walked toward me," writes the unwelcome visitor, "then remained standing staring steadfastly into the depths of the forest. His features were sharply cut, his colorless eyes were half concealed under his bushy eyebrows; his disheveled hair was turning fast from blond to gray. He wore a dark suit, his right hand played restlessly with his walking stick. His thin lips occasionally parted with a twitching movement."

The astonishing thing is that the King does not at all look like a madman, but makes the impression of one lonely, tired, embittered.

"After gazing intently into the near-by forest for a while he turned suddenly and walked off with long, rapid steps, cutting off the heads of flowers with his cane."

### SMALLPOX IN SCHOOL.

Physicians Cannot Account for Case at St. Mary's.

Raleigh, N. C., November 1.—A case of smallpox developed to-day at St. Mary's school, an Episcopal parochial school for North and South Carolina, in a most unaccountable manner. Rev. George W. Lay, rector of the school, says it is a very mild case. The patient, a girl, had been under close observation and isolated four days before physicians finally pronounced her malady smallpox. Dr. Rankin, of the State Board of Health, and Dr. Knox have given special attention to the case and to precautions to prevent any spread of the disease among the students. Dr. McKee, city physician, is in charge of the case with a trained nurse. The work of the school will go on without interruption, everybody about the institution being freshly vaccinated.

## FRANCE ON EVE OF ANOTHER BIG ARMY SCANDAL

Dismissal of Gen. Faurie Stirs Radicals, Who Threaten to Create Second Dreyfus Affair.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Paris, November 1.—The great political drama, the first act of which will be played soon after the Chamber of Deputies reassembles in a few days, is now being prepared in Paris.

If the great Radical party, which under Emile Combes, shattered the official power of the church in France in 1905 is able to carry out its declared program, the history of France will shortly begin to take new direction. The republic will be divided into two parties whose political aspirations are widely divergent.

This moderate element now in control of affairs is working a policy of appeasement tending to conciliate the Royalists, Imperialists and Clericals on the one side, and all classes of the French people on the other. But the shadow of the Radical party whose power was supposed to have been annihilated a year ago, is now cast over the pleasant prospect of a France beyond that of political bitterness which has characterized each of the three republics.

Poincare is Popular.  
Ever since Poincare was elected President, the Radicals uncompromisingly have opposed his great personal authority and national popularity, which has been greatly enhanced by his recent visits to England and Spain and his whirlwind automobile tours through provincial France. A puppet type of President devoid of all personal prestige, who will obey the behests of the dominant party in Parliament without question, is the Radical ideal, and they are now working desperately to break Poincare's power.

The relations between church and state is another question wherein the country is split in two. Two alternatives present themselves. Either Poincare and his lieutenant, Premier Barthou, will continue to tolerate the activities in the Catholic country and drift back to an official representation at the Vatican for the sake of maintaining France's position in those eastern countries where prestige is reckoned by national devotion to religion, or the Radicals, in accordance with their sworn determination, will again put into force their traditional policy of hurrying the Clericals from the country.

At their recent annual congress, the Radicals threw down the gauntlet to the church party, declaring their immutable opposition to the recent measures taken by Barthou's ministry, and they will make life unbearable to the Catholics in France.

Army Trouble Brewing.  
Finally, there are the mutineries in the radical ranks against the reorganization of the army. The army too, other day of General Faurie, after the manoeuvres, which was due, they alleged, not to "unconquered" in the field, in the words of the official statement, but purely to Jesuitical plots against the general.

The Radicals and Socialists make no secret of their belief that the results, working through certain great generals, are making life in the army intolerable to republican officers, and if the Radicals give effect to their threats to take up the question in the Chamber de Faurie case, it is believed in Paris, may develop into the dimensions of the Dreyfus affair.

What the Radicals are aiming at is another alliance with the Socialists, this forming a second block, which will dominate Parliament. The success of these negotiations is problematical, but they have put at their head Joseph Caillaux, who, although he lost caste through surrendering a large slice of the Congo to Germany at the time of the last Moroccan crisis, is still one of the clearest parliamentarians in France. With the consistent help of such men as Camille Pelletan and Emile Combes, and the occasional backing of Georges Clemenceau, the Radicals have full hope of again steering the ship of state in their desired direction.

The last that can happen is that Barthou's ministry will have to face another storm early in November.

## SUTRO TALKS ON FAIR IN BERLIN

Interest in National Exhibit at San Francisco Exposition Is Revived in Germany.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Berlin, November 1.—The much-stimulated San Francisco exposition question by the arrival of Mr. Sutro, editor of Hearst's German Journal in New York, as representative of the German Industrial Association, and others prominently interested in the exposition question. They had a number of long conferences, and Mr. Sutro had consultations with Ambassador Gerard and Count Bernstorff.

Mr. Sutro said that for the present he was studying the situation and preferred not to express an opinion further than to say he was gratified at the cordial and widespread interest displayed in the exposition here while visiting. He said he would co-operate with every one interested in the project.

## NEGRO IS WHIPPED BY OTHER NEGROES

Assault Result of Article Appearing Recently in Radical Paper.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
East Richmond, Va., November 1.—As a result of an article appearing over his signature in a recent issue of the Radical paper, concerning the local negro school of the public school system, a young man, Robert L. Smith, a prominent negro of this place, was taken from his restaurant last night by eight unknown negroes and given a severe beating. All had sticks, which they used mercilessly, leaving Smith in an unconscious condition.

The affair happened in the main business section of the city, and the beating of the negro school has created quite a stir. Five negroes, whose names have not been ascertained, are out on \$50 bonds. They will endeavor to prove an alibi.

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## LONDON FASHION NOW FOR WOMEN TO DRIVE AUTOS

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)  
London, November 1.—London is at present suffering from an epidemic of chauffeurs. Every one thought that motor driving for women, never a very popular pastime, had quite gone out when suddenly it has become the fashion.

The Duchess of Westminster always driven herself now in a big yellow car, and may often be seen coming up to town from her suburban retreat near Richmond, in a smart chauffeur by her side in case of accident.

Miss Pauline Chase, the American actress, is another ardent motorist, and frequently threads her way calmly through the busy Strand and drives up to the Savoy with room for lunch.

Many of the prominent militant suffragettes employ women drivers. Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence's aide, Lady Wood, of the Wood being a particularly well-known figure about the West End, and the fact which driver is threatened in the near future.

Princess Mary, while at Balmoral, had some lessons from her brother, the Prince of Wales, who is a keen motorist, and the queen absolutely declines to hear of her taking up the sport so early.

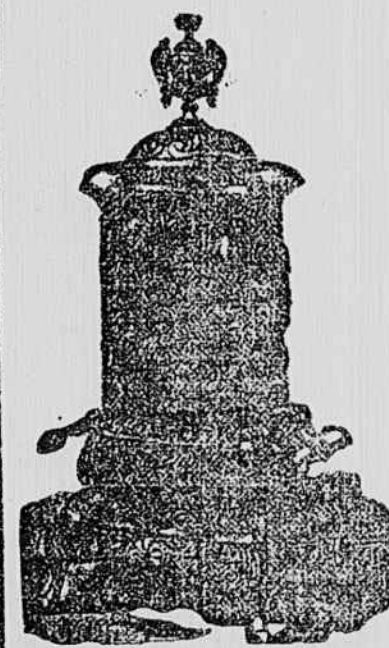
A number of the women of the chorus at the Gaiety and Daly's Theatres are good drivers and can be met with on Sunday on all the main roads leading out of London. One of the best women drivers in England was the late Mrs. Mayville, who practically founded the Ladies' Automobile Club.

contents of one barrel entered Biggs' abdomen, and he died a few minutes after he reached St. Vincent's Hospital. After shooting Biggs, Blount ran out of the saloon with the gun in his hands. He changed his mind after going a few steps and ran in the direction of police headquarters, where he gave himself up to the authorities.

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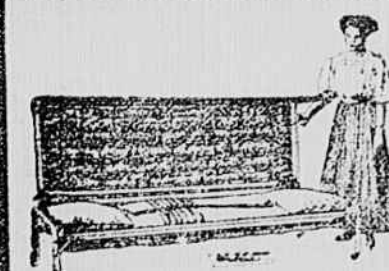


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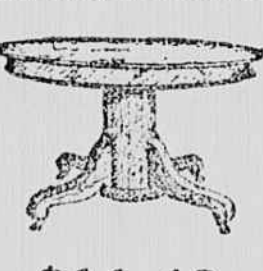
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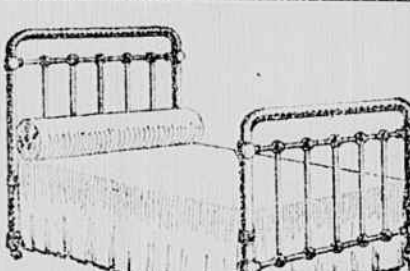


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## SALOON SCUFFLE ENDS IN KILLING

Man Who Paraded Streets in Coffin Is Shot by Companion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Norfolk, Va., November 1.—Fred Biggs, who with a number of his friends paraded around the streets of Norfolk in a coffin recently, was shot and killed in Davis' saloon in Plume Street to-day by William Blount, a companion. Davis says the shooting was accidental. Blount had been drinking and entered the saloon with a shotgun. He is said to have noticed the weapon playfully at the bartender when he refused to sell him any more to drink.

Diggs and Blount grappled for the gun and it exploded, Davis said. The